(b) The details of funds allocated under this scheme during the last three- years, State-wise, are as follows:

(Rs. (Lakh)

Year	Tamil Nadu	Orissa
2002-03	4.27	—
2003-04	—	83.40
2004-05	—	—

(c) The Coir Board, a statutory organisation under the Ministry of ARI, provides technology support to the coir industry through its two research institutions, *viz.*, (a) Central Coir Research Institute (CCRI), located at Kalavoor in Kerala and (b) Central Institute of Coir Technology (CICT) located at Bangalore. Both these institutions have developed technologies and machinery with a view to helping the Indian coir industry meet the challenge of competition in the international market.

Beneficiaries of PMRY in Andhra Pradesh

2424. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 131 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th November, 2005 and state:

(a) the reasons for reduction in the number of beneficiaries in 2004-05 as compared to 2003-04;

(b) whether Government have sent any communication to Government of Andhra Pradesh for not reporting utilization of funds under Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) during the year under review; and

(c) whether it is mandatory to sent the reports once in every quarter?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Implementation of the employment generation programme 'Rajiv Yuva Shakti' by the State Government, delay in disbursement of loans by banks, etc., constitute the reasons for reduction in the number of assisted beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Rozgar

Yojana (PMRY) in Andhra Pradesh in 2004-05 as compared with that in 2003-04.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. The States are required to report utilization of funds released at least once in a year.

Production of items using agro and rural resources

2425. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of units engaged in production of various items using agro and other rural resources, including human resource, as inputs in various parts of the country as on 31st March of 1997, 2000, 2003 and 2005;

(b) the details of items, majority of these units have produced in terms of volume and value during the above stated periods;

(c) the number of persons gainfully engaged period-wise therein; and

(d) the steps taken, if any, for enhancing/encouraging agro and rural industries?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) The details of khadi and village industry units set up under the various programmes of the Government through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) as on 31 March of 1997, 2000, 2003 and 2005 are given in the table below:

Year (Financial Year) ending 31 March)	Number of institutions/units Khadi Institutions	Village Industry (VI) units#
1997	4869*	213
2000	3575	65,795
2003	2003	1,61,505
2005	2024	2,09,705

*Includes VI units set up prior to 1 April 1995.

#Refers to VI units set up under the Rural Employment Programme (REGP).